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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Habilitation Services Providers and Targeted Case Management Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Habilitation Services Transition to the Iowa Plan

The IME is planning to transition the management of HCBS Habilitation Services to the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health on July 1, 2013. Over the past two years, similar transitions have already occurred for Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) and Psychiatric Medical Institutions for Children (PMIC) services. Coverage of all Medicaid mental health treatment and support services under the Iowa Plan promotes a more integrated and coordinated service delivery system for mental health services.

In the near future all enrolled Habilitation providers will begin receiving correspondence from the Iowa Plan on transition and implementation. The Iowa Plan correspondence will encompass provider credentialing, provider training opportunities, service authorization procedures, and expected implementation timelines.

All efforts will be made to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible for Medicaid members and providers. Effective July 1, 2013, the Iowa Plan contractor (Magellan Health Services) will be responsible for service authorization for all persons receiving Habilitation services. The Iowa Plan will continue to honor existing Habilitation authorizations completed by the IME until those authorizations expire or until a change in service is requested.

Also on July 1, 2013, the Iowa Plan will begin implementing Integrated Health Homes (IHH) for Medicaid members with serious mental illness. Most members who are receiving Habilitation services will be eligible for an IHH, so the care coordination transition for Habilitation will be integrated with the IHH implementation.

IHHs will be phased in across the state throughout 2013 and 2014, beginning with members in Dubuque, Linn, Polk, Warren, and Woodbury counties. **Members will not lose their Habilitation services if they are served by an IHH.** As each IHH is implemented across the state, the IHH will be responsible for coordinating the members' services including Habilitation. For more detail on the IHH implementation please see the posting on the IME website at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Initiatives.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally at 515-256-4609, or by email at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.